

- (a) Issue an Incident of Noncompliance (INC);
- (b) Require you to revise and submit to BSEE your training plan to address identified deficiencies;
- (c) Assess civil/criminal penalties; or
- (d) Initiate disqualification procedures.

### Subpart P—Sulphur Operations

#### § 250.1600 Performance standard.

Operations to discover, develop, and produce sulphur in the OCS shall be in accordance with a BOEM-approved Exploration Plan or Development and Production Plan and shall be conducted in a manner to protect against harm or damage to life (including fish and other aquatic life), property, natural resources of the OCS including any mineral deposits (in areas leased or not leased), the National security or defense, and the marine, coastal, or human environment.

#### § 250.1601 Definitions.

Terms used in this subpart shall have the meanings as defined below:

*Air line* means a tubing string that is used to inject air within a sulphur producing well to airlift sulphur out of the well.

*Bleedwater* means a mixture of mine water or booster water and connate water that is produced by a bleedwell.

*Bleedwell* means a well drilled into a producing sulphur deposit that is used to control the mine pressure generated by the injection of mine water.

*Brine* means the water containing dissolved salt obtained from a brine well by circulating water into and out of a cavity in the salt core of a salt dome.

*Brine well* means a well drilled through cap rock into the core at a salt dome for the purpose of producing brine.

*Cap rock* means the rock formation, a body of limestone, anhydride, and/or gypsum, overlying a salt dome.

*Sulphur deposit* means a formation of rock that contains elemental sulphur.

*Sulphur production rate* means the number of long tons of sulphur produced during a certain period of time, usually per day.

#### § 250.1602 Applicability.

(a) The requirements of this subpart P are applicable to all exploration, development, and production operations under an OCS sulphur lease. Sulphur operations include all activities conducted under a lease for the purpose of discovery or delineation of a sulphur deposit and for the development and production of elemental sulphur. Sulphur operations also include activities conducted for related purposes. Activities conducted for related purposes include, but are not limited to, production of other minerals, such as salt, for use in the exploration for or the development and production of sulphur. The lessee must have obtained the right to produce and/or use these other minerals.

(b) Lessees conducting sulphur operations in the OCS shall comply with the requirements of the applicable provisions of subparts A, B, C, I, J, M, N, O, and Q of this part and the applicable provisions of 30 CFR 550 subparts A, B, C, J and N.

(c) Lessees conducting sulphur operations in the OCS are also required to comply with the requirements in the applicable provisions of subparts D, E, F, H, K, and L of this part and the applicable provisions of 30 CFR 550, subpart K, where such provisions specifically are referenced in this subpart.

#### § 250.1603 Determination of sulphur deposit.

(a) Upon receipt of a written request from the lessee, the District Manager will determine whether a sulphur deposit has been defined that contains sulphur in paying quantities (*i.e.*, sulphur in quantities sufficient to yield a return in excess of the costs, after completion of the wells, of producing minerals at the wellheads).

(b) A determination under paragraph (a) of this section shall be based upon the following:

(1) Core analyses that indicate the presence of a producible sulphur deposit (including an assay of elemental sulphur);

(2) An estimate of the amount of recoverable sulphur in long tons over a specified period of time; and

(3) Contour map of the cap rock together with isopach map showing the